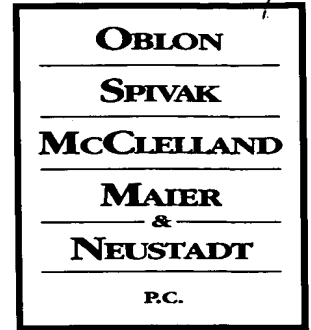


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Applicants: Yuichi MASUTANI, et al.
Filing Date: December 12, 2003
For: IPS SWITCHING LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAYING
APPARATUS
Group Art Unit: 2871
Allowed: October 7, 2004
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SIR:

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Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3);
EXHIBIT A (Copy of 7-2-1998 Information Disclosure Statement filing papers for Appl. Serial No. 09/110,076): Date-stamped Filing Receipt, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form, Copy of Cited Reference from Row "AR", PTO-1449 form signed by Examiner on 7-14-00;
EXHIBIT B (copy of 12-12-2003 Information Disclosure Statement filing papers for present Application: Date-stamped Filing Receipt, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form, PTO-1449 form signed by Examiner on 4-30-04.

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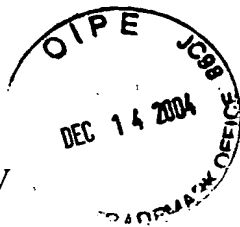
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This Petition is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 7, 2004.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

This Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requests that the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on December 12, 2003, be fully considered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

On July 2, 1998, Applicants filed an IDS in grandparent Application Serial No. 09/110,076. All the references cited therein were considered by the Examiner, as is evidenced by copies of the IDS papers attached as Exhibit A.

On December 12, 2003, Applicants filed an IDS in the present Application (Exhibit B). The Examiner subsequently returned Applicants' PTO-1449 form with all cited references initialed in acknowledgement of consideration, except one, namely the reference cited on row "AW," which was previously cited and provided¹ in the above-mentioned grandparent Application on PTO-1449 form, row "AR," and acknowledged as being considered.

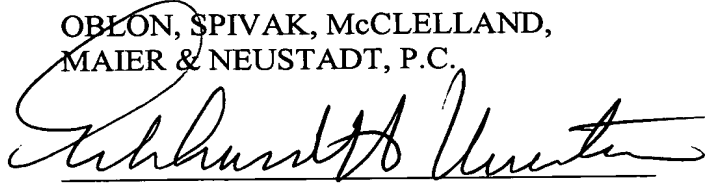
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¹ The requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d)(1) and (2) have been met; and, therefore, no copies of the references cited in the IDS filed in the present Application on December 12, 2004 were provided.

Although Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for the present petition,
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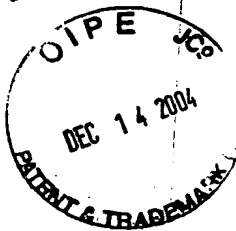


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For IPS LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAYING APPARATUS

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- ☒ 40 pps. Specification & 8 Claims/Drawings 28 Sheets
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- ☐ List of Inventors' Names and Addresses
- ☒ Notice of Priority; ☒ Priority Doc. (1)
- ☒ Check for \$ 790.00; ☒ Dep. Acct. Order Form
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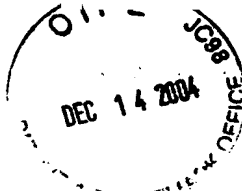
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RELATED CASES

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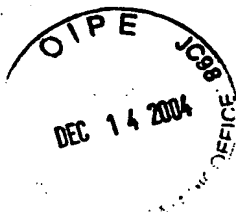
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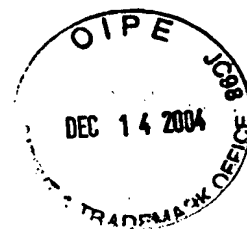
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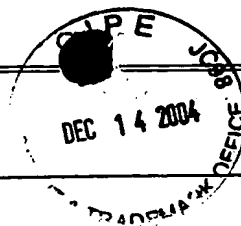
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Display Properties of a Wide-Viewing-Angle In-Plane-Switching TFT-LCD

In this Publication, "Display Properties of a Wide-Viewing-Angle In-Plane-Switching TFT-LCD" No. 22 of Liquid Crystal Conference 1967, Page 311 to 312, there is described a TFT- LCD in which common electrode and pixel electrode are provided on top layer by the use of staggered structure TFT.

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DISPLAY PROPERTIES OF A WIDE-VIEWING-ANGLE IN-PLANE-SWITCHING TFT-LCD

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Display properties of our developed wide-viewing-angle 14.5-inch-diagonal IPS a-Si TFT-LCD are presented, including the viewing angle, contrast, color shift, gray-scale inversion characteristics.

1. はじめに

液晶ディスプレイは視角依存性を有し、画面の大型化や表示品位向上の要求に伴い、その改善が急務である。我々は広視野角化を目的として、IPS(In-Plane-Switching)形LCD¹⁻³⁾に注目し、そのパネル構成や部材が電気光学特性に及ぼす影響を検討してきた。^{4,5)} 本報では、これまでの検討結果を基に開発した14.5インチ型XGA対応IPS形a-Si TFT-LCD(以下、IPS形TFT-LCDと呼ぶ)の電気光学特性と表示性能について報告する。

2. 14.5インチ型XGA対応IPS形a-Si TFT-LCDの電気光学特性

(1) IPS形TFT-LCDの構造

図1に、IPS形TFT-LCDの構造を示す。a-Si TFTはトップゲート形であり、ゲート、画素、共通の各電極は、金属層からなる。ソース・ドレインと画素電極の間に共通電極が配置されている。

(2) IPS形TFT-LCDの仕様

表1にIPS形TFT-LCDの仕様を示す。表示色は26万色(64階調)、駆動電圧はTN形と同じ5Vである。コントラスト比は最大で100以上、応答時間は60ms(tr+td)である。

(3) IPS形TFT-LCDの表示特性

コントラストの視角特性については、図2の等コントラスト曲線が示すとおり、上下左右70°で10以上のコントラスト比を実現している。階調表示の再現性についても、図3に示すように上下左右70°において反転は見られない(16階調)。図4に、視野角($\theta=0^\circ \sim 60^\circ$ 、 $\phi=0^\circ \sim 360^\circ$)による色の変化を示す。TN形に比べ、色の変化は極めて小さい。液晶セルのリタデーションRを最適化することで、色の変化はさらに改善できる($R(1) < R(2)$)。

3. まとめ

今回開発したIPS形TFT-LCDは、従来のTN形に比べ極めて優れた視野角特性を示し、画面の大型化や表示品位向上の要求に対し、まさに応え得るものと言える。

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- 5) 松本、守屋、瀬山: 日本学術振興会 第142委員会 第65回合同研究会 資料, P. 37 (1996).

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Table I. Specifications of 14.5-inch-diagonal IPS a-Si TFT-LCD

Display area	14.5 Inch diagonal
Number of pixels	1024(H)×RGB×768(V) (XGA)
Dot size	96 [μ m]×260 [μ m]
Number of colors	262,144 (64 gray scales)
Display mode	Normally black IPS nematic
Viewing angles	Vertical: 140° Horizontal: 140°
Contrast ratio	>100 (Max)
Driving voltage	5 [V]
Response time	60 [ms] (tr+td)

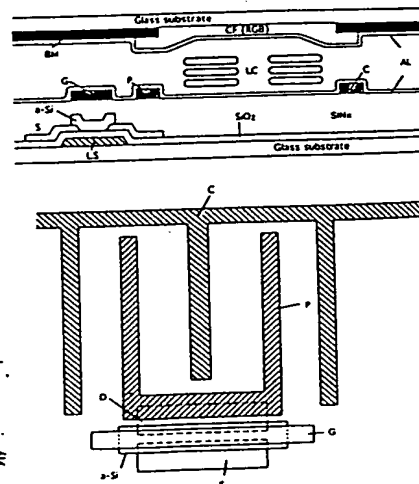


FIG. 1 Schematic structure of 14.5-inch-diagonal IPS a-Si TFT-LCD

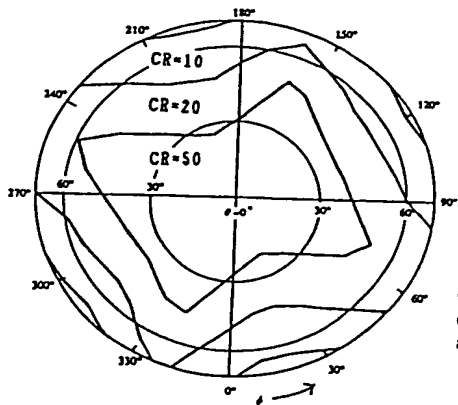


FIG. 2
Iso-contrast chart of
14.5-inch-diagonal
IPS a-Si TFT-LCD

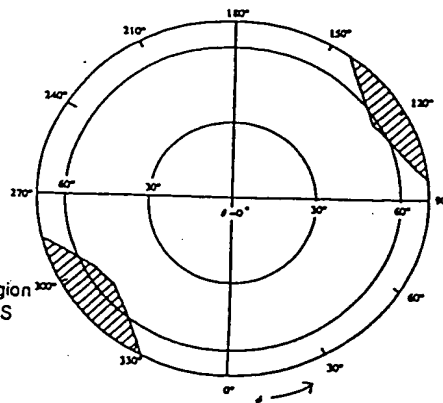


FIG. 3
Gray-scale inversion region
of 14.5-inch-diagonal IPS
a-Si TFT-LCD

FIG. 4
Color shift of 14.5-inch-diagonal
IPS a-Si TFT-LCD

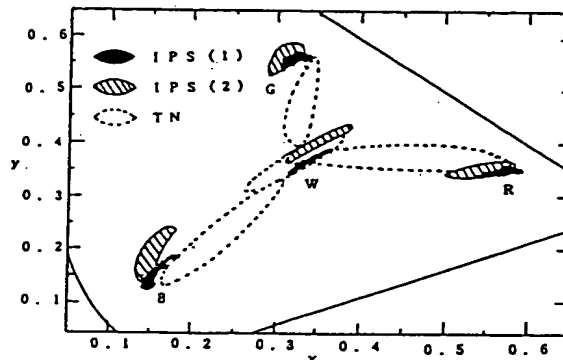


FIG. 5
Photos of 64-gray-scale video image displayed
with 14.5-inch-diagonal IPS a-Si TFT-LCD

